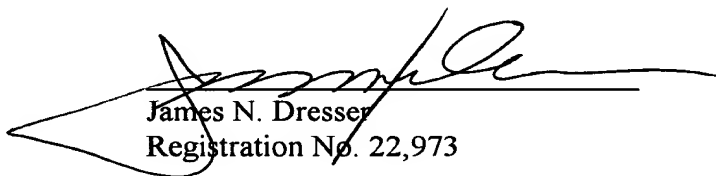


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is filed to remove the multiple dependent claim prior to calculation of the filing fee.

To the extent necessary, Applicant(s) petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Account No. 01-2135 (648.38454X00) and please credit any overpayment of fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



James N. Dresser  
Registration No. 22,973

ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP  
Suite 1800  
1300 North Seventeenth Street  
Arlington, Virginia 22209  
Telephone: (703) 312-6600  
Facsimile: (703) 312-6666

JND/kmv